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1 August 1966

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25X1A MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

25X1A SUBJECT : ISINGLASS: []
[], Visit with Dr. Flax

25X1A REFERENCE: [] 2650-66, dated 29 July 1966, paragraph 4,
Subject: ISINGLASS Briefing for DOD Visitors
to []

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25X1A 1. After seeing Dr. Flax on 29 July 1966, []
[], telephoned
and related briefly a discussion about ISINGLASS which is
summarized below:

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a. When asked about visiting [] for an updating
on ISINGLASS, Dr. Flax initially said there was no point
in visiting [] even if he felt that [] could do all
the things they claim, since he did not know, at this
time, if ISINGLASS is needed or necessary.

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b. [] pointed out that a person in Dr. Flax's
position must keep up with the latest technological
developments if he wished to stay ahead of the field.
Dr. Flax said he would try to visit [] around 7 September,
since he was planning a trip out west then. Dr. Flax
admitted that Harry Davis was most impressed with his
ISINGLASS briefing at [] the preceding day.

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c. [] commented on the desirability of NRO
developing technology and concepts to a point where
another option, if kept alive, could be available to the
NRO at a critical time.

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d. [] told Dr. Flax that unless there is
more than cursory government interest in ISINGLASS, he
would be obliged to divert [] valuable technical talent
to other fields. When Dr. Flax was asked when he planned
to make a decision on the CIA proposal for a modest
funded effort at [], he replied that a casual look at
the proposal revealed some interesting areas of work
which might be worth pursuing. Dr. Flax said he may
render a decision about some funding for ISINGLASS in
about two weeks.

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downgrading and
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2. During the visit Dr. Flax told that he was responsible for adding to the bidders' list for a part of the #612 program.

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